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13 CANADIANS KILLED, 25 WOUNDED

Five Died of Wounds Since the First Account This is the Complete Returns Up
to this Afternoon of the Result of their Noble Charge on Cronje's Army.

Special to THE MINER

Toronto, March 2.—Frederick Hamilton, correspondent of the Globe in South Africa, wires from Modder river, March 1, as follows: "It is admitted on all sides that the attack made on the enemy's trenches by the Royal Canadians helped materially to force the surrender of Cronje. The whole regiment did splendidly, but G and H Companies excelled all others in the work of building advanced trenches under a heavy fire. Their casualties as a consequence bear a heavy proportion to the total.

After Cronje surrendered Lord Roberts addressed the troops and in a special manner complimented the Canadians on the splendid share they had borne in the achievement of the victory.

The casualties sustained by the Royal Canadians were as follows.

Killed.

Toronto men, C Company
E. C. Dage, Governor-General's Body Guard.

gunshot wound in face, at hospital Modder river, G. McCallum, wounded. Sir Alfred Milner further says that his private secretary yesterday paid a visit to Major Pelletier at the hospital at Winberg, where he suffers from a sunstroke, but is progressing satisfactorily. Lieut. Mason is also improving.

The Cost of Ladysmith.

Toronto, March 2.—Special cables to morning papers deal considerably with the cost of the relief of Ladysmith to the British forces. One dispatch says that the tabulating of the British losses consequent upon the one hundred and eighteen days of the siege shows that White's loss in killed and wounded in battle was 1,580, and captured 1,079. Total loss of White, 2,659.

Buller's loss in killed and wounded was 3,348, captured 759. Buller's total loss, 4,107.

The total loss therefore sustained by the combined forces of White and Buller was 6,912 men, in the actual relief of Ladysmith.

Winston Churchill sends an inter-

500 feet high and carried by storm Pieters Hill.

Cronje Sent to Cape Town.

LONDON, March 1. The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts. "Paardeberg, Wednesday, Feb. 28. Cronje with his family left here yesterday in charge of Major-General Prettymann, and under the escort of the city Imperial volunteers and Mounted Infantry. Later in the day the remaining prisoners went in charge of the Earl of Erroll and escorted by Gloucesters and a hundred Imperial volunteers. The women and children were sent to their homes. I understand that great dissatisfaction is felt by the Boers at Cronje's refusal to accept my offer of safe conduct to women and children and medical care for his wounded, 170 of whom are now in our hospital. Very many of them are in terrible shape for want of proper care at an earlier stage. I inspected Boers' laager yesterday and was much struck by the ingenuity of the enemy with which their position was made almost impregnable to assault.

Total Loss to Date 12,834.

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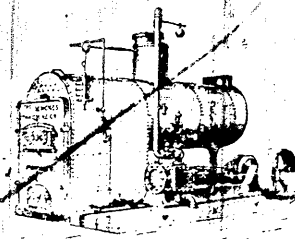
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Killed.
Toronto men, C Company—
E. C. Page, Governor-General's Body Guard.
W. C. Brady, 43rd Battalion.
C. L. Thomas, Governor-General's Body Guard.
F. J. Loving, 43rd Battalion, O'Leary.
Montreal men—
F. Wasdell, 3rd Victoria Rifles.
Quebec men—
B. Whitely, Royal Canadian Artillery.
A. G. Orman, 43rd Battalion.
A. Roy, 65th Battalion.
Maritime Provinces, G and H Companies—
F. L. Withers, Royal Canadian Artillery.
Pte. Warrings, Charlottetown Engineers.
B. Scott, R. C. R. I.
J. M. Johnston, 62nd Battalion.
In the above list of dead, Brady, Living, Thomas, Wasdell and Roy died of wounds received in the final action on Tuesday morning.

Wounded.
Lieut.-Col. Pelletier, staff officer, slightly.
W. C. Allen, Queen's Own Rifles.
J. W. Vickers, 10th Royal Grenadiers.
Pte. W. Coggins, of Brampton, 31st Battalion, Grey.
Pte. N. Gray, Sault Ste Marie Rifles.
Ottawa men, D Company—
C. Holland, 16th Prince Edward Battalion.
J. T. McConnell, Governor-General's Foot.
G. O. L. Hule, 15th A. L. I.
Bugler Smith.
Montreal men, E Company—
P. E. Peppell, R. I.
J. E. McDonald, 3rd Battalion.
A. Beigot, 63rd Mounted Royal Rifles.
S. Proux, 63rd Mounted Royal Rifles.
R. Harrison, M. G. A. or C. H. Harrison, 2nd R. C. A.
A. Sutherland, civilian.
Matheson, 2nd Field Battery.

Sick List.
OTTAWA, March 2.—Sir Alfred Milner cables this morning to the Governor-General as follows:—
CAPE TOWN, March 2.—The following men are seriously ill at the hospital from Eutric fever: C. Finch G.B., Corporal J. Grant, Corp. Lowman,

and wounded in the battle were 1,580, and captured 1,079. Total loss of White, 2,650.

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Winston Churchill sends an interesting account in which he says that during the afternoon of the 28th the cavalry brigade pressed forward from Murdoch toward Bulwana Hill, under Dundonald in the direction of Ladysmith. The Boers fired on the advancing troops from artillery stationed on Bulwana Hill.

About four p.m. Major Gough's regiment, which was in advance, found the ridges surrounded and concealing Ladysmith were apparently unoccupied. He reported this to Dundonald, who hereupon determined to risk through the gap and reach the town with two squadrons of Imperial light horse and carabineers. The rest of the brigade was sent back to Buller's picket line. When we started for Ladysmith there was only an hour of day light left.

(From yesterday's special edition)

LONDON, March 1.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller:

Lyttleton's Headquarters, March 1
"Gen. Dundonald with the Natal Carabineers and a composite regiment, entered Ladysmith last night. The country between us and Ladysmith is reported clear of the enemy. I am moving on Nelthorpe."

The attack began Wednesday week on the British left toward Groebler's Kloof, and was continued by the Lancashire brigade Thursday from Onderbroek Spruit. When the Onderbroek positions had been taken, lost and recaptured, Buller decided that it was impracticable to turn or capture Groebler's Kloof and ordered Hart's brigade to attack Friday Railway Hill on the ridge at Pieter's station. This was done under a heavy fire and the trenches taken.

Buller convinced himself Saturday that the passage of Langverwacht Spruit could not be made by a frontal attack on the entrenchments and across the Tugela Sunday and Monday recalled the battalions from the positions which they had stormed, and took up the pontoon bridge two miles from Pieter's station.

The bridge was relaid Monday night a few miles lower down the Tugela and on Tuesday Barton's 2 battalions with the Dublin Fusiliers crept down the river ascended cliff

safe conduct to women and children and medical care for his wounded, 170 of whom are now in our hospital. Very many of them are in terrible shape for want of proper care at an earlier stage. I inspected Boers larger yesterday and was much struck by the ingenuity of the enemy with which their position was made almost impregnable to assault.

Total Loss to Date 12,834.

LONDON, Feb. 23th. The rapidly growing casualty lists are being classified as quickly as possible. They show that up to this morning the total number of casualties was 12,834, of which 2,329 were added during the last fortnight. Ten of the 11 Scotch Regiments lost about 2,050 men, and eight of the Irish Regiments, 2,000.

To Ladysmith by Railway.

LONDON, March 1.—General Buller reported British losses as being kept down by the admirable management of artillery, and that he took 60 prisoners.

He had clearly broken through the Boer lines of defence and was in a position for marching toward Ladysmith along the line of railway with enemy still in considerable force at Bulwana mountain.

Gen. Buller is all Right.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—General Buller's operations have been clearly explained in press dispatches, and in a highly encouraging bulletin, which was posted at the war office yesterday. He had cleared the southern bank of the Tugela by February 21, and had occupied Colenso and Fort Wyke. The enemy's position was a long horseshoe, beginning at Groebler's Kloof running along Langverwacht Spruit to the railway south of Pieter's station, and curving backward to Bulwana mountain, near Ladysmith.

Carmel School Entertainment.

The entertainment on Monday evening given in aid of St. Joseph's Academy was unique. The opera house filled, and the pupils excelled themselves, which testified to the ability of their teachers.

The calisthenic exercises were more than good, as also were the duets on two pianos and Solene of St. Cloud. Mrs. Sigurdson was in good voice and Mrs. Rogers sang well. But the little ones deserve special mention, particularly in their dancing. Sir Roger de Coverly. They brought down the house.

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Population.

DID NOT HAVE TO EAT HORSE FLESH

HOW THE PLACE WAS DEFENDED BY
THE DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED
CO. AND 2 (ND) SOLDIERS.

The town of Kimberley, which has been besieged by the Boers since October 15, is the capital of the great diamond district of South Africa, lying near the western border of the Orange-Free State. It is 517 miles by rail from Cape Town and 485 miles from Port Elizabeth. Diamonds were first discovered here in 1870, at which time the place was nothing but a Kaffir kraal. A fine stone had been picked up by a Hottentot and sold for a trifle to a white man living not far away. He, not knowing its value, parted with it at a small advance and eventually, without anyone suspecting its value, it reached London, where a famous jewellery firm pressed upon its excellence and purity. The story got wind and the result was a speedy emigration to South Africa. This began during 1871, and it is estimated that since that time stones to the value of twenty-two millions sterling have been taken out. The total number of diggers employed at the various mines is estimated at 15,000 persons, at large proportion being bla ks. The town of Kimberley has a population of 23,000, of which about 11,000 are whites, containing a small proportion of Dutch amongst them. It is a well-built city, with spacious streets, handsome churches and public buildings, a theatre, court, barracks, hospital, and library, several banks, a couple of newspapers and botanical gardens. During the last few years the various mining companies consolidated into the De Beers Consolidated, mainly, it is understood, through the influence of Cecil Rhodes, who is heavily interested in the flammé mines from which he has amassed great wealth. This mining company, when war threatened, undertook the defence of the town, and apparently did it well. Cecil Rhodes, who left his safe place in Cape Town on the outbreak of the

Cavalry leader, who first touched hands with Col. Kitchewich and Cecil Rhodes, has been most successful in almost the whole of his operations during the war. He it was who won the battle of Elundabate, the leading victory of the campaign in Natal, if we except the driving of the Boers from the Ladysmith trenches, when they ventured to take the offensive. He escaped from Ladysmith on the last train from that place under a heavy shell fire, and took charge of the cavalry operations in the Cotesburg region. On a serious disaster to several companies of the Suffolks marred his career, he was sent from this had done excellent work, and drove the Boers from the very Port of K. Cotesburg, which had been threatened, with capture was sent by Lord Roberts on his present expedition.

The Empire's Protection

Victoria Times. The war in South Africa has made one thing at least quite apparent: that some common action must be taken for the defence of the British Empire. The present system, if there be any system, is utterly lacking in every essential means whereby in time of danger the resources of the nation can be brought to bear against a common enemy. The steps which are necessary for the accomplishment of this great end will have to be decided upon by the military chiefs of the country; but the defects which at present exist are perfectly plain to all. The people of Canada, or of Great Britain, for that matter, do not in time of peace prepare for war; that is, they do not make adequate preparation. Under our system of government the reason of this is not far to seek. Our State-men are directly responsible to the people, who, when a programme containing proposals for large expenditures for defensive purposes is laid before them are prone to condemn the proposed outlay as extravagant and unnecessary. In very few other nations of the world are such stringent constitutional checks imposed on rulers, therefore the objections advanced to the military leaders' measures are not so great. The time appears to have arrived when the colonies should make, with the mother country in the lead, one scheme for the defence of the Empire as a whole. A suggestion has been made that the question should be taken entirely out of the hands of politicians and handed over to an Imperial Council, which would of course be quite removed from the narrow sphere of party and could view the Empire as a body corporate in a more business-like manner. Sheltered as it behind the skirts of Britannia quite long enough

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Why, for instance, do widows wear black? "Poor thing," I would say because she is a poor thing, and sympathy and interest are the proper reason—that when the husband is gone she is a beggar; they shaved her hair as a mark of mourning. Of course, women couldn't let herself be shaved, and so they had to do so much more with black. And now, though the tears and weeping has passed away, the black is still there.

When the wind blows on the left side of the boat, it is called a beam reach. In other times when the wind is behind the open end and hats cannot be held for half a dozen it is called a broad reach around the stern. But the open fall on the left side, to be a good one on the wing of a squall, the wind on the left side so they might be caught by the left hand, the wind on the right side of the boat.

The *Troitt News* sympathetically and beautifully says: "Those of us who scan with anxious eye the casualty lists which General Otis sends so often from Manila, and those who have ceased to watch because they have already learned the worst, will find a new sense of kinship with their neighbors across the border in the sad record which to day's cables bring from the Modder river, where nineteen members of the Canadian contingent in the South African army and sixty-one wounded in Sunday's fighting. For the moment there will be neither Boer or British sympathizers. While we are marking fresh graves daily we come very near to those whose brothers, sons, husbands, sweethearts and friends have fallen on the veldt. They went because they loved their country and their flag, just as our own boys have gone to another far corner of the earth, and the cause for which a brave man fought goes out of mind when the sad is being turned for his resting place. There is crape on our neighbor's door, and the sound of mourning is in our house. We shake hands silently, and there is new warmth and meaning in the grip.



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mining companies consolidated into the De Boers Consolidated, Inc., it is understood, through the influence of Cecil Rhodes, who is heavily interested in the diamond mines, from which he has amassed great wealth. This mining company, when war threatened and took the defense of the town and apparently did it well, Cecil Rhodes, who held a safe place in Cape Town on the outbreak of the war to stand the test of Kimberley, is reported to have said he regarded Kimberley as being this safe as "theodically," and that he believed it was shown by his going there. The Imperial authorities were only able to spare a couple of thousand men to garrison the town. Cecil Rhodes, of the Loyal North Lancashire, being in command. Thanks, no doubt, to the vigilance of the mining company, provisions have proved ample so far as the necessities of life are concerned, though such things as fresh vegetables and milk and eggs became very scarce towards the close of the siege. There were rumors of the population having been compelled to eat horse-flesh, but those appear not to have been well founded. During the siege Cecil Rhodes is reported to have been active in providing work for the poorer classes in the town, including the natives, so that they were enabled to earn money to purchase the necessities of life. Steps were taken early in the siege to prevent prices becoming unduly high, and dealers were compelled to sell at low prices, even in the case of luxuries. One of the public works (undrained) lighted by Rhodes during his brief stay at the construction of a bridge, as St. George Avenue, which was probably lined with gas lamps. Several societies were organized during the weeks of the siege, in which the prisoners acquitted themselves ably. These necessarily ceased when the investment became closer. According to reports the town does not appear to have suffered greatly from the bombardment of the Boers, though casualties occurred from time to time. A few weeks ago the De Boers Mining Company, achieved something of a mechanical coup by manufacturing a big gun, which they named "Long Cecil," and with which they inflicted some damage on the Boer batteries for a few days. Although the garrison was but two thousand, there were several thousand miners fully armed, forming a valuable auxiliary force, which stood ready to repel an attack on the Boers never ventured on a serious assault. The relief of Kimberley occurred almost as unlooked-for as it appeared when Lord Methuen advanced rapidly from the Orange River, up to the Modder river, fighting three successful actions on the way. But he was badly defeated at Magersfontein, and a superior Boer force, now entrenched, confronted him from a time as he retreated, and on the approach of Lord Roberts' army.

Major-General French, the brilliant

reference to the Boers as a whole. A suggestion has been made that the question should be taken entirely out of the hands of politicians and handed over to an impartial council, which would, of course, be quite removed from the influence of party and could view every side of the holy conference of nations with fairness. Can we have shelter for our soldiers behind the skirts of British troops long enough. Let us now give some evidence of the true Imperial spirit, show that we are prepared to share in this most important work. Something will probably be said on this subject before the adjournment of the house now sitting at Ottawa.

Charge of the Light Cavalry Brigade.

Upon the first Canadian contingent arriving at Capriani it was discovered that while the equipment of rifles was complete, there were lacking to breeches. Henry Dabry, late of the Montreal Star, who was wounded in the battle, at the dinner given by Sir Charles last week, related the plight of the light cavalry as follows:

The heavens paled when he was told That somebody had plundered: And the corps' supply of pantaloons Was minus just four hundred.

Our hearts are to be sure, and yet we grieve At prudence so neglected: They sent us to the front and leave Our rear quite unprotected.

We marched for my weary miles, In costumes, and not airy: A little in the case of a lady, A little in the case of a lady.

Of course we were a very hardy, Some trying to outdo: It took us all our time to guard Our bases of operation.

Our sufferings were, as keen as when We were there any chance of getting: A box or two of our line And a little in the case of a lady.

We've scissored and mottled and cottons and pins: But nowhere to put patches: We've pipes and tobacco and that sort of things: But nowhere to strike matches.

This thing is getting monotonous, And we long for the sake of variety: To tuck our shirts into divided skirts As they do in polite society.

Our statesmen talk of glory? Why! We've no heart the glory now, sirs: We'll talk of medals, bye and bye, Just now we want our trousers.

We long to meet the foemen's steel, To hear the welcome rally: Come on, ye rogues, ye scoundrels: "Charge! Bores! Corps de ballet!"

And when the batteries unmask, Or head the iron hail screeches: Then all we ask, "Give us the task To storm Picton's breeches."

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of our hats? In olden times when men were much in the open air and had could be bought for half a dollar it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side, to be grasped on the arising of a squall. They tied on the left side so they might be grasped by the left hand, the right usually being more usefully engaged. Later on the ends got to be tied in a bow, and later still they became useless, yet the bow has remained and will probably remain till the next deluge or something of that sort.

What is the meaning of the crosses or X's on a barrel or cask? They signify degrees of quality nowadays, but originally they were put on by those ancient monks as a sort of trademark. They were crosses in those days and meant a sort of oath on the cross, sworn by the manufacturer that his barrel contained good liquor.

Why are bells tolled for the dead? This has become so familiar a practice that a funeral without it would appear unchristian. Yet the reason is quite barbarous. Bells were tolled long ago when people were being buried in order to frighten the evil spirits who lived in the air.

Why do fair ladies break a bottle of wine on the ship they are christening? Never another survival of barbaric custom. In the days of sacrifice to the gods it was customary to get some poor victim when a boat was being launched and to cut his throat over the prow, so that his blood baptized it.

Why are dignitaries defended by a salute when they visit a foreign port? It seems a curious sort of welcome this firing off of guns, but it seems the custom arising in a very reasonable way. Originally a town or a warship fired off its guns on the approach of important and friendly strangers to show that they had such faith in the civility and peaceful intentions they didn't think it necessary to keep their guns loaded.

Why do we sometimes throw a shoe after a bride? The custom is not very complimentary. From old it has been the habit of mothers to chastise their children with a shoe. Hence the custom arose of the father of a bride making a present to the bridegroom of a shoe as a sign that it was to be his right to keep her. -Cincinnati Enquirer.

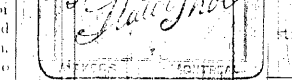
Ministers and Doctors.

At 200,000 it must be admitted that the average man, inadequate as his earnings may be, is much more fortunate than the clergyman. The latter, it is true, gets his rent free, with occasional yearly donations of potatoes, hay, flour and the like, but his living expenses must be within the limits of an income scarcely equal to that of an average mechanic with regular daily employment.

It is somewhat of a surprise to learn that a first class clergyman in a country town averages only from \$500 to \$800 a yearly salary, while those in the large cities are not enough above those figures to make up the relative differences in incidental expenses of living. The latter amounts are said to range from \$1,000 to \$1,200 yearly. Certainly the average doctor must do much better than this; otherwise he must either run in debt, or look for some other occupation. If the doctor in practice must make any living at all, he is bound to calculate on a sum one-third more and perhaps double that which the preacher can get. We are now speaking of the average man in both professions, it being well known that special skill and recognized ability in either calling always command proportionately increased remuneration. - Medical Rec.

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JECTED TO GREAT EXPENSES
AND UNCERTAINTY.

In speaking of the mining laws and titles in Australia, Prof. C. H. Dudley of the New South Wales School of Mines says:

As to our mining titles in Australia for gold leases, a summary of the practice of the various colonies is as follows: The government grants, through the Department of Mines, mining leases of crown lands available according to the mining regulations, which provide that in each and every case the ground applied for must be specifically pegged out in some approximately definite form by inserting solidly in the ground at each angle a post not less than 1 1/2 inches in diameter and not less than 1 foot high to mark the boundaries, and one of the posts is to be called the datum peg. At the foot of each peg a trench not less than six inches wide and deep and three feet long is to be clearly cut in the direction of all the boundary lines. On the datum peg at the time is to be placed a clear notice, in form, showing the acreage of the land applied for, name of applicant, and date of pegging, the applicant, at the same time, posting a similar notice at the local district mining warden's office, and also making his formal written application for the ground, with a full description and the statement of what he intends to mine for, to the warden's clerk or mining register. The public or other objectors, if any, then have a fortnight or more, in which to lodge their complaints or objections to the granting during which time the applicant pays the first year's annual acreage rent, generally five shillings per acre, and also the survey fee, never less than £5. The government mining surveyor of the mines department then gets official instructions to survey the ground claimed without delay, and in his detailed plan and report of the survey in duplicate, for the direct and immediate and future use of the

holder or reef mining, but in other metals, gravel, across and usually allowed per man or more, but labor conditions. In the lease papers issued it is shown that all mineral that you have declared your intention to mine for in your application, within the vertical limits of all the boundaries, belong to the grantee. There is, therefore, no possibility of lease overlapping each other, and no extra rights are provided for."

Mr. Geo. Mooring, who has been on a trip to New York and other eastern cities, returned yesterday. Mr. Mooring informs us that while in the east he severed his connection with the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. of Toronto, to take a much more important position with another company. George is now inspector for the Dominion of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. Mr. Mooring will be leaving again in a few days for Toronto to take up the duties of his position.—Port Arthur Chronicle.

VALE!

Here and friend, the long hazel, two-
ling.
Forbid the offering on thy sad
Of any woe, as shell and bell,
Strike out the requiem of thy good career.

No any woe, of laurel or immor-
Nest thou. The glory we and only won
As the brave breast opposed the fiery port

Deck well enough his country for
Yet, as the "weep, by con-
mitted.

There meets the earth, a simple death here.
Here and friend, is still by fate
The steadily tribute of a silent sea.

Thin, Watery Blood

When the blood is thin and watery, the nerves are actually starved and nervous exhaustion and prostration soon follow. Feed the nerves with Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food and you will impart to them the new life and vigor of perfect health. Place out and the familiar signature of Dr. A. W. Chase on every box.

LAUGHING GOS.

Why Time Flies

Wish you didn't have a clock?
Don't see what time is for?
El if the clock like a wasp,
It wouldn't fly to the moon.

Pat's cat is time. It flies.
Don't let it go.
But that cat is a cat.
It's not a cat. It's a clock's hand.

Mamma says: Now watch the clock.
It's time for little to be mended.
"Gee, 'en it's awfully late."

"Gee, 'en it's awfully late."
"Gee, 'en it's awfully late."
"Gee, 'en it's awfully late."

Some day's past by.
Some day's past by.
Some day's past by.

Seems to me the trouble is
At midnight clock up beat
El it'd stop its tick.

MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCE.

The Remarkable Alpine Experience of a King's Messenger.

At a critical moment of international complication which occurred a good many years ago it was found necessary to send a king's messenger across one of the Alpine passes charged with dispatches the importance of which was so great that they practically involved the issue of peace or war. It was in the depth of winter, and in those days, even under the most ordinary circumstances, a journey across Europe meant no trifling undertaking. The first part of the journey was safely accomplished in postchaise as far as the foot of the pass, where a transfer to a sleigh was necessary. Here, on inquiring at the posting inn for horses and a sleigh, the messenger found to his dismay that none was to be had. "Impossible, monsieur, to go forward this night." Toward evening, however, a private carriage arrived, occupied by one traveler with a sleigh, several spare horses and plenty of servants—evidently the equipment of a personage of distinction. The traveler halted at the posting inn and after a short parley determined to enter and have dinner, the journey across the pass to be continued at nightfall, when a clear moon might be expected.

Under these circumstances the king's messenger and the other traveler naturally dined together and entered into friendly conversation, with the result that an offer of a place in the traveler's sleigh was gladly accepted by the former. At nightfall the journey across the pass was commenced, the messenger carrying in his hand a small dispatch bag containing his dispatches. The route wound up and up the mountain side, all being soon covered deep in snow. The horses seemed fresh and high metted and were urged at full speed by the driver. Suddenly, at a turn of the road, a man jumped out from a rock. The horses seemed to shy, and in less time than it takes to tell the snow was rolling over and over in the snow, with its occupants tossed hither and thither. Some moments elapsed before the half-stunned messenger came to his senses, and when he did so the first thing which struck his astonished eyes was the sleigh touching back down the pass at breakneck speed. No human being was to be seen beside him, his late companion and driver, was still his bag of dispatches, which had escaped from his grasp in the tumble, having vanished like magic. Nothing remained but to hold wearily through the snow back to the inn, where all that he could ascertain was that the strange traveler was unknown to the innkeeper and that he had returned by the valley and come with his own horses, explaining that there had been an accident. None of the mysterious traveler was the least of patches was ever traced, nor was the history of the adventure ever come to light up to the present day.—Quarterly Review.

Monkey and Mirror.

I saw a performing monkey the other day. He went through many tricks very successfully. Toward the end of the performance he was ordered to put on his cocked hat before a hand mirror, which he did. He was next told to set it straight, and he tried on his general's headgear repeatedly at different angles, causing much laughter. When all was over and the organ man, his helpers and the two monkeys were preparing to depart, I saw that "the general" had possessed himself of the little mirror and was studying his own countenance with great delight. He had pinned the glass on top of the latest organ, and he bent over it again and again, gazing at his own reflection. He was so much pleased with his own appearance that he was about to take it home with him.



You can't be healthy if your bowels are constipated and your system clogged with poisonous material. There should be a natural movement every day, and the best way to secure it is to take Laxa-Liver Pills. The most obstinate cases yield to their action. They neither gripe, sicken nor weaken, are easy to take and prompt to act.



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The curse of leisure, except for needed rest, for time to plan new work or for an opportunity to aid others in doing their work, is not a blessing, but a curse. If nothing comes of it, if no work is done because of it, or if better work does not follow on account of it, then leisure has not been a blessing to him who enjoyed it and inevitably works harm to him or to others who are affected by it.

Among the practical evils coming from the desire to escape the drudgery of manual labor is the overcrowding of the places where the manual labor is light, the growth of the military spirit among men who think it more honorable to fight than to work and the increase of that army of incapables who find no opportunity and prefer to be supported by others rather than to soil their hands or harden their muscles by doing the work which the world offers them to do.

Carlisle was right when he said that all the happiness that a true man asks is happiness enough to get his work done.—Christian Register.

Crowing Hens.

The archbishop of Canterbury, in his youth, had some experience as a farmer. Evidently the bishop of London's education in that respect was neglected. In the account of one of his speeches at the church congress he is reported as saying: "There is a certain class of people who are like hens when they have laid an egg. They form their opinion with such difficulty apparently and so seldom that when they have formed one they go and crow about the world to show that they have done it."

We would respectfully advise the bishop of London to draw an illustration from crowing hens if he should ever be addressing a rural audience.—Westminster Gazette.

PALE AND LAUGUID.

THE CONDITION OF VERY MANY YOUNG GIRLS IN CANADA.

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In the initial case of the fortnight allowed to the application is heard in open warden's court, when the applicant and objectors, if any, are heard, and the warden, if satisfied that the mining regulations have so far been complied with, and everything is in order of the application, reports to the effect direct to the minister of mines and recommends that the application for lease be granted. The minister will then have the whole of the case in its order, and the papers will be gone into on their merits, the applicant being careful to see that there is no entanglement on crown or other persons rights, granted. If everything is in proper form and correct, a lease is issued. The necessary proceedings take from one month to a year, as the case may be.

At the meantime, provided the applicant has no notice from the department that the land is not available for a second question, the applicant must comply with the labor conditions, which conditions vary in the different colonies. From one to six men, after the lease must be employed in bona fide work, for every every five ground applied for. If this is not done the lease may not be granted, when granted is liable to forfeiture, the bona fide, but not collusion, of location of another, or by causing to the minister of mines, who is the highest warren or other, in fact of mine and report as to the condition of the land conditions. The applicant must also, on the day of each visit and on the day of the lease to the minister of mines, be able to show, or may, if necessary, on evidence, from which decision of location there is no appeal.

The minister of mines can also, on mining leases, for nonpayment of annual rental at the usual time, or on any lease for noncompliance with the mining regulations. The warden can grant or cancel any leases; he may only recommend. Much the same form of procedure applies in taking up areas for other minerals than gold or gold and silver.

'8 time for little girls in bed.
'Cur' it's awfully late.
Gamps are 'at hours making
An day make up the
Summer's got to run away
When the winter's near
An gamps are she's a old
An day pass by
Some day she will kiss a
An say a la' goodie
Seems to me it's trouble
'At naughtily chuck up
Et it'd stop the tickin'
'Ain't no one 'ould care
Then here oughtn't to be no
Alleg 'ould be day
'Ouldn't have to go to
'Eat 'ould have to play
'Ouldn't be no winter
Summer all the year
An gamps 'ouldn't get old
Never leave us here
Wish'er wasn't any rocks
Don't say 'ey're for
Et little girls like me
'Ey 'ouldn't be no
—L. R. R. Free Press.

Not the Prevailing Style.
"How do you do, uncle," said the affable reporter. "I thought I would drop in on the occasion of your one hundred birthday anniversary and smoke a friendly pipe with you."
"Why," hesitatingly responded the venerable man, "I know it is dreadfully unconventional for a congressman, but the truth is, young man, I have never learned to smoke."
Then silence reigned for the next five minutes, broken only by the occasional sound of the reporter gasping for breath.
—Chicago Tribune.

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He Lost the Hole.
Ed Tufts of Los Angeles was playing golf with a friend. When he drove from the third teeing ground, he sliced the ball badly and sent it away to one side. It stopped in front of a grazing cow, and Tufts came up just in time to see it disappear into the bovine mouth. When his opponent had made his stroke, Tufts untethered the cow and, with many sounding thwacks of his club, drove the beast to the third hole. There he made her discharge the ball and, nearly losing it, announced that he had made the hole in two strokes. His opponent calmly finished the hole in seven and claimed the hole.
"But I made it in two," protested Tufts gloomily.
"No, you didn't," declared the other. "You made it in 33. You hit that cow 37 times, for I counted every stroke," and Tufts conceded the hole.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Family Peacemakers.
More family troubles are adjusted by the magistrates in this city than the average person would willingly believe. There is hardly a day passes that every member of the minor judiciary is not called upon by a determined husband or wife, usually the latter, to issue a warrant. Nine cases out of ten the applicant is considerably excited and is eager to invoke the aid of the law in settling some trifling controversy. By calm argument and assurances the visitor can usually be persuaded to give the offender of her or his peace and happiness another chance, and a home is perhaps saved from being broken up.—Philadelphia Call.

His Opportunity.
"An operation for appendicitis," the surgeon assured the sufferer, "is rather a serious thing of course, but it is not necessarily an alarming one and it will demonstrate, moreover, just how much fortitude you have."
"Yes," replied the patient, "I suppose it will show just what's in me. Go ahead."—Chicago Tribune.

Picking Out the Waiters.
The safest plan to pursue at a reception where the waiters and male guests are clad in swallowtails is to jam your hands into your trousers pockets and jingle a few coins when you meet a stranger. If his eyes begin to bulge and his hand commences to travel toward you, he's a waiter. This is a straight tip.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Blackmailer.
Tommy—I brought this dog to make money out of him.
His Sister's Beau—How is that?
Tommy—I expect you to give me 10 cents for tryin' him up over time you come to see sister. He's awful savage.—Ole Mate Journal.

...dave poke it.
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PALE AND LAQUID.

THE CONDITION OF VERY MANY YOUNG GIRLS IN CANADA.

They are Subject to Headaches, Heart Trouble, and an Indisposition to Exertion—Parents Should Act Promptly in Such Cases.

Miss Alma Gauthier, daughter of Mr. Adolphe Gauthier, proprietor of a well known hotel at Three Rivers, Que., enjoys a wide popularity among her young friends, and they have recently had occasion to rejoice at her restoration to health after a serious illness. When a reporter called to ascertain the facts of the case Miss Gauthier was out of the city on a visit, but her father very gladly consented to give the story of her cure. He said: "I believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills my daughter almost now have been in her grave, and I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not at all times say a kind word in favor of the medicine that restored her to health. My daughter's health first began to give way several years ago. At first the trouble did not appear to be serious, and we thought she would soon regain her accustomed health. As time went on, however, this proved not to be the case. She grew weaker, was troubled with headaches, poor appetite, dizziness and a feeling of almost constant languor. She was treated by a good doctor, but still there was no improvement. She seemed to be gradually fading away. If she walked up stairs she would have to stop several times to rest on the way. She lost all her color and her face was as white almost as chalk. He trouble was clearly that which afflicts so many young women entering womanhood, and we feared it would develop into consumption. One day a friend of the family urged her to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she consented, and produced a couple of boxes. Before they were quite gone there was a slight improvement in her appetite and we looked upon this as a hopeful sign. Another half dozen boxes were purchased, and under their use she day by day acquired new strength and new interest in life. She is now as healthy a girl as there is in Three Rivers, with every trace of her pallor and languor gone. This is entirely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I am rejoiced to be able to say so publicly."

The case of Miss Gauthier certainly carries with it a lesson to other parents; whose daughters may be pale, languid, easily tired, or subject to headaches, or other distressing symptoms that mark the onward progress of anaemia. In cases of this kind Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will give more certain and speedy results than any other medicine. They act promptly and directly, making new, rich red blood, and strengthen the nerves, and correct all the irregularities incident to this critical period.

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...Hed covered with small scales, sometimes larger over the eyes or nose. (7) Eyes with vertical pupils like a cat's. (8) Two pits or holes between the eyes and nose, suggesting four nostrils. (9) Two long, curved, perforated fangs in the upper jaw just in front of the eye, one on either side and so hinged that they lie backward, hidden from view in a membranous sheath, but erectile at will.

Some of the first seven peculiarities may be found in harmless snakes, but it is only in the vipers that they are united.—Ontario.

How She "Guides" Them.

There is a jolly mother in Brooklyn who has several grown up sons boarding at home with her, and they declare she wants to "dress" them all the time just as if they were children. She laughingly repudiates their charge and declares that she merely wishes to advise and guide them, but has long ago ceased to rule them. Here is an example of the way she "guides" them: At dinner the other night a big meat pie and a small roast duck were brought on together. The duck was intended for the father principally. The boys were death on duck; their mother well knew, but it would not make a mouthful apiece for them; so, addressing the boy who sat nearest her, she said, "Which will you have, Bobbie, duck or pie?" and at once began cutting the pie.

"Duck," said Bobbie promptly.
"No, Bobbie," answered his mother cheerfully, "you can't have duck, dear. Take your choice, my son, take your choice, but you can't have duck."—New York Tribune.

New Zealand Oddities.

The crow in New Zealand strikes as sweet a note as any heard in the woodland, says Henry D. Lloyd in The Atlantic. The robin has no song and no red breast; the native hen is the greatest of rat killers; there is a caterpillar, which turns into a plant. These and some other productions of nature have done for New Zealand what the kangaroo and the orchyechus have done for Australia—given it the suggestion of oddity and the marvelous. Rabbits and sweetbriars, introduced for pleasure, spread like wildfire, and it is an attraction to be duly vertiged in the sale of land that it has been cleared of sweetbrier and fenced against rabbits, and then later the rabbit becomes a profit instead of a pest and is exported by millions to feed the English.

Amateur Photography.

Let me call attention to one of the most universally popular mistakes that have to do with photography—that of classing supposedly excellent work as professional and using the term amateur to convey the idea of immature productions and to excuse atrociously poor photographs. As a matter of fact nearly all the greatest work is being and has always been done by those who are following photography for the love of it, and not merely for financial reasons. As the name implies, an amateur is one who works for love, and viewed in this light the incoherence of the popular classification is readily apparent.—Alfred Stieglitz in Scribner's.

Minnesota's First Bible.

The Rev. S. W. Dickinson, an agent for the American Bible society, says that the first book printed in Minnesota was a Bible. It was printed in 1836, about 13 years before the first issue of a newspaper in St. Paul. The Bible was in the Ojibwa language and was printed on the mission press at Lake Pokegama, Pine county, under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Ayer, who likewise had charge of the mission there at that point.

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ONTARIO VS. TRANSVAAL

The spirit which has been made Canadian rally around the British flag in South Africa, should, at the close of the war, react, and give to Canada an added interest in British minds.

Right though the South African gold fields are, and valuable though the results of the war may prove to British capitalists, one cannot fail to see, that while their investments in the Transvaal have been made under all kinds of disabilities, and subject to every annoying tax that official interference thought fit to impose, right here, in a loyal British colony, gold can be mined as profitably as in the Transvaal. We will not take toll of their output in order to arm ourselves against the old country, we have no dynamite monopoly, and if a vote is what the British capitalist wants, he can qualify himself as an elector by a few months residence in the Rainy River district.

The gold mine of Ontario will on the opinion of a competent authority, become a dominant factor in the gold production of the world, and certainly those who have prospected in various gold fields, unite in asserting that for surface indications Ontario takes the lead of everything.

Had the same capital been invested here 15 years ago that was invested in the Johannesburg mines, there is little doubt that we should have by this time had a population of mining kings and cities like Johannesburg.

It would almost seem that capital, instead of flowing into the easiest channels, seeks investment where the disabilities are the greatest, and the difficulties to be overcome are the most evident. Otherwise, how can we account for the fact that money is invested in practically hostile lands, and loyal British colonies are left to work out their own salvation as best they may.

Canada has contributed unsparingly to the defence of the empire in time of war, in time of peace she should have the opportunity of adding as greatly to the empire as she has subtracted.

present folder not only contains a good map of the Nome district, but is embellished with several cuts of views at Nome City and on the beach where the method of mining is clearly shown. All information obtainable regarding sailing dates from Seattle and Tacoma, through rates, etc., is given in this book and the public cautioned to go to the agents of Northern Pacific Railway, who are supplied with diagrams of the Alaska steamers, and arrange in advance for cabin accommodations rather than to get off this very important business until they reach Puget sound. There is no doubt but that there will be a very considerable passenger business from the middle and eastern states and a very heavy business from the Pacific coast states to the Nome district next spring.

For folders, rates, etc., call on H. Swinford, general agent, Winnipeg, or send a 2-cent stamp to Chas. E. Fawcett, general passenger agent, St. Paul, Minn., and he will mail you the Nome folder.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Balm or Lining Tablets. All druggists refer to money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Groves. Signature is on each box.

THE NEWS FROM KEEWATIN.

Miss Mather and her brother Jack left for Ottawa on Tuesday's train. Jack has been transferred to the bank in that city.

Geo. H. Kelly made a business trip to Portage la Prairie this week.

Captain Lewis has returned from his eastern trip.

Miss Beattie left for Collingwood Tuesday.

Mr. Dick Fisher is endeavoring to get up a company in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Dick is a hustler, and we are sure he will have no trouble in arranging the same. Keewatiners are overflowing with patriotism these days.

A sleigh load of our prominent young people attended the rink in Rat Portage Tuesday evening. They report a good time and a good skate.

John S. Stinson, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., left Sunday for Winnipeg.

The hockey match between the flour mill team and the club house Monday evening resulted in a win for the former by a score of 5 to 3. When time was up the score was even, but five minutes more play was agreed upon, and during that short space the mill team managed to register two goals. The rink was crowded with spectators who seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The game was closely contested and it will now be in order for the mill boys to get a pretty little badge painted and hand some around to their lady friends. There is some talk of another match in the near future.

Han Echlin is sporting a black eye. He ran against a flour mill man Monday during the match.

The Devil in a Blizzard.

Down in a place of which they tell
A place the preachers all call h-ll
They saw a fellow, once so bad,
That with the devil things they had
They could not make him twist or squirm

Nay, even the undying worm,
The surest card in all the pack
Was water on this wild ducks back.
In vain the infernal furnace blazed.
The devil'simps stood sore amazed,
Old Nick, he jumped about and swore
For he had never been beat before.
Just then, an imp, a stranger spoke
A cross between a growl and croak
Said he, the place that gave me birth
Where I have just come from the north

Has got a little gentle wind.
He paused a moment smiled and grinned
Which soon would fetch that chap to time

Or else my word's not worth a dime.
The devil curled his tail and thought
Has all my power then come to naught,
Can punishment be found as severe
As this which I am using here?

It is this true of which you tell
I soon will have it here in h-ll.
So pack up your hat and travelling suits
Out of the fire gates he shoots
And being quite a modern swell
He proceeds to a Winnipeg hotel.

The fiend was much delighted there
T'was such a homelike atmosphere,
Said he, I like it awfully well
It seems to me so much like h-ll.

But pleasure, as we sometimes say
Unto business must give way,
And when the wind began to roar
The Devil started for the door,
Breathing fire just like a wizard
He sallied forth to meet the blizzard.

But alas! he did not know the fate
Ofimps, and men, and devils great
Who rush out blindly where they know
No decent devil ought to go.

Though Satan's skin was fireproof stuff
It was not hardly thick enough
To ward off blizzard's freezing breath
From making him as cold as death.

The blizzard howled till all was blue,
The Devil howled, and colder grew.
O for a glimpse of my hotel!
O for a corner back in h-ll.

But mercy comes not at his call
Who bears a bitter curse for all.
The blizzard hoists him on his ear
And the Devil shakes with cold and fear.

Ten hurricanes were zephyrs light
Compared with the fierce blizzard night.
Aow it drove the snow around
Swept the ground and tore the ground.

To try and get a better view
Would make a Methodist preacher
Say, "The Devil is a good deal
The Devil is a good deal."

His legs were weak and cold,
No longer was he so and the team
But with a roar, he said to the team
The Devil is a good deal.

Saw him in the wind and light
The wind was even, he saw him by
In misery he moaned, day
Then saw him down into his pit
He found he could not stand here
His hair was blowing and with a wail
He gazed on what was once his tail.

His nose was chattered off by frost
And both of his hands he found were
In a hole in his heart, and he was
By a devil named Blizzard.

TAKING THE REINS

Sheriff's Sale

—OF—

LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas issued out of the District of Rainy River, and to me directed and delivered against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of C. A. Macdonald at the suit of D. W. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution
1. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, an undivided one-half interest in Mining Location deschoold N.T. 11 and N.T. 12, northwest of Pine-stone Lake, in the District of Rainy River, and known as Parcel No. 133, and known in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, as Page No. 133.

2. All the aforesaid C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, Mining Location deschoold H. 119, known as Parcel No. 134, and known in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, as Page No. 134.

3. His interest in Mining Location deschoold H. 119, containing 9 acres, Parcel No. 134, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, as Page No. 134.

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All of which I shall offer for sale at my office at the Court House, at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, on Thursday, March 11, 1904, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the aforesaid C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, the aforementioned leaseholds, being Mining Locations N.T. 11, 12, H. 119, 133, 134 and 135.

Sheriff's Office, Rat Portage,
1st March, 1904.

W. H. CARPENTER,
Sheriff, District Rainy River.

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—OF—

LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas issued out of the High Court of Justice, and to me directed and delivered against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of D. Morris at the suit of W. D. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution
1. All the said defendant, D. Morris's, right, title and interest, in and to, Mining Location deschoold Parcel 127, subject to the right of one A. E. Chie under an agreement filed as an exhibit to the proceedings in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River.

2. A three-eighths interest in Mining Location deschoold A. L. 131, east of Lake Vermilion Lake, known as leasehold Parcel No. 133, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T. H. Gilmour, registered by way of caution in March, 1903, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage.

3. His one-quarter interest in Mining Location deschoold H. 119, known as leasehold Parcel No. 134, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chie, registered in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage.

4. His one-third interest in Mining Location deschoold H. 119, known as leasehold Parcel No. 134, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chie, registered in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage.

5. His one-half interest in Mining Location deschoold H. 119, known as leasehold Parcel No. 134, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chie, registered in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage.

6. All the said D. Morris's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, Mining Location deschoold H. 119, known as leasehold Parcel No. 134, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chie, registered in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage.

7. All the said D. Morris's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, Mining Location deschoold H. 119, known as leasehold Parcel No. 134, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chie, registered in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage.

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Ontario Gold Fields.

Homestake Gold Mining Co. of Ontario, Limited.

is organized under the laws of the
State of Minnesota

Capital Stock \$1,250,000

divided into 1,250,000 shares of \$1.00 each
(fully paid and non-assessable).

750,000 Shares in the Treasury.

The head office is in St. Paul, Minn., and the board of directors are well known St. Paul and Rat Portage, Ont., men. The secretary and treasurer are placed under proper bonds, which are to be increased as the necessity requires, all under the management of the board of directors.

This Company owns two rich mineral claims in the Lake of the Woods country, Ontario, amounting to over 100 acres. The vein is conceded to be the largest body of free-milling ore ever discovered in any land. Its width is from 600 to 800 feet and its length over one mile.

The value of this great deposit is from \$7.50 to \$8.95 per ton while the cost of treatment, including mining, should not exceed \$1.50 per ton, as we are able to simply quarry it out.

The great Homestake of South Dakota, with values never exceeding \$5.00 per ton, has paid \$8,000,000 in dividends. We will do the same.

The original owners of this great property took stock in the Company for the property, and their shares when issued are to be placed in the hands of the Homestake trust company to be held by such trust company until this company has secured a mining and milling plant of 250 tons daily capacity.

A HUNDRED STAMP MILL, deposit will earn 10% per cent. annually on the value of the shares, which will be from 200 to 400 per cent. to the investor who buys shares at 100 cents per share. All profits are to be divided at the end of the year.

competent engineers in the expenditure of our funds.

We can quarry out 10,000 tons of this ore and have it treated at the public reduction works as soon as navigation opens, and by this means we can earn enough to buy our own mill, and for this purpose we are now selling ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHARES of treasury stock at ten cents per share cash or on the following terms: Two cents per share cash down and 1 cent per share per month until paid. This offer subject to advance with out notice.

No certificates will be issued for a less amount than 500 shares.

We do not expect to be very long in disposing of this issue owing to the very low price at which it is selling. Don't wait too long but send in your order at once if you want any of these shares. If you have any money to invest place it with home people and buy SHARES that entitles you to an interest in the property owned by a good, reliable company.

Our shares are non-assessable and every share entitles the holder to an interest in the property.

The board of directors who manage the affairs of this Company are as follows:

C. W. Wellington, Ronald Stewart, John W. N. Smith, W. H. H. H. A. Kelly, Fred A. Bowman, N. A. Sawyers, C. O. Brock and T. E. Brien.

C. W. Wellington, president; Fred J. Bowman, Secretary and Ronald Stewart, Treasurer. Don't take any chances, but invest in

A nice lot in to-day and
going quick.
Fish. Fish.

Tom Cods, Smelts, Fresh
Mackerel, Lake Super-
ior Trout and Herring
White Fish, Flour
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Our business has increased so much that we have had to open up in larger premises and we will now be able to fill all orders for...

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promptly and guarantee the best of satisfaction.

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Norman Steam Bakery

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Good Seasonable

Advice

Buy your spring outfit from us. We're in the custom tailoring line exclusively. Hence we are better prepared to give you ordered clothing that will fit better, is more stylishly cut and better trimmed and tailored than any house in the west.

Our Spring goods are all in and are open for your inspection. Come and see us we're always pleased to see you.

A. S. CUTHBERT
CASH TAILOR,
Oddfellows' Block, Fort Street.

WANTED: A MILLION HEARTS.

All ye who've a heart to rent or sell,
Come bring them unto me. I'll pay ye well,
Want them large, I want 'em deep and strong,
Want them broad and equalling to song.

Bring me no hearts to hold the man or boy,
Bring me no heart that holds of sin a trace,
Bring me no heart that's rank'd with poisonous fears
For one that's e'er been saturate with tears.

But good, clean, honest, empty hearts I ask;
Not those that smile, yet cackling secrets mask;
Not those that harbor notions poor and small;
But pure and sweet and true—I'll take 'em all.

And hurry too. I want them now, today!
This very minute send them on their way,
To house this love that from my own I borrow,
For ah, I'll not tell you, but Phyllis knoweth.
—John Kendrick, Bangs in Woman's Home Companion.

IN THE HOTEL OFFICE.

A Singular Story of a Man Who Met
One Who Had Known Him
Years Before.

It was a hotel clerk who told me this.
If you make friends with a hotel clerk,
you will generally find him ready to
tell you stories, and sometimes the stories
are good.

The hotel is a New York one and not
one of those particularly gilded, plate
glassed and velvet piled where everything
seems to be for splendor and
nothing for comfort. One great attraction
about the house is its wide,
spacious hall, which is always warm in
winter and always cool in summer.

You will find sitting and sprawling
about the long, broad lounges and the
big chairs, dozens of men who are not
registered at the hotel, nor ever have
been, nor have even invested in a small
glass of beer at the bar of the adjoining
cafe.

(One day in particular, in the month
of February, was a great harvest time
for that hotel hall. Every seat was occupied,
and the clerk shrewdly guessed
that the true driving snow that had
been filling up all the chinks of the
window frames had much to do with
the size of the gathering about the
lounges. Presently a man in a somewhat
worn-out overcoat entered and began
kicking snow from his feet and
showering it from every part of his
person.)

"The clerk, who had nothing else in
particular to do just at that moment,
saw that the large number of idlers
who crowded the benches rather disconcerted him. In fact, the clerk noticed
that the last comer was looking
decidedly annoyed and guessed that
his annoyance proceeded from the evident
fact that there was no seat for him.
He would have to loaf standing or
else go into the cafe and, let a waiter
come and ask him what he would take,
which would be inconvenient in the
absence of the wherewithal to pay."

The newcomer looked at him and
seemed to take a sudden resolution, as
if he had made up his mind that that
clerk ought to be satisfied of his having
done particular business in there.

"Perhaps you'll give me some idea as to
what your business may be with me."

"My business? Oh, yes. Well, you see,
we Americans are always anxious
to learn the views of prominent Canadians."

"About what?"

"Oh, about—about, uh, taxation, you know."

"I see. Well, why don't you go and
ask Mr. James Scott McIlhenny or some
of those other representative Canadians
who are staying here. Why do you
pitch on me? I suppose you haven't
been a reporter for very long—haven't
had much experience in the business."

"No," said the other man eagerly.
"That's it. I haven't had much experience.
I understood you were a representative
Canadian."

"You did, eh?" the world young man
laughed. Then, looking his visitor
straight in the face, he said, "What
paper do you happen to represent,
Mr.?"

"Bour—er—Jones."

"Oh, you are Mr. Jones of the—what
paper did you say?"

"I didn't say. I represent quite a lot
of papers. It's a sort of trust, you know."

"I see. A news agency—New York
papers?"

"Oh, not western papers chiefly."

The clerk saw that, in the conversation
went on between the two men, that
more and more nervous while the Canadian
seemed to be more and more
thoughtfully interested in the inter-
view.

"On hearing that his visitor represented
"western papers chiefly," Farrington
paused and seemed to consider.
Then he suddenly said, "Well, Mr. Brown—
By the way, Mr. Brown,
haven't we met before?"

At that the representative of western
papers gave a start and, staring hard
for one moment at Farrington, said,
with every appearance of embarrassment,
"I don't think so. I'm afraid I
mustn't detain you any longer."

And with that he turned and fled out
into the snowy streets.

Farrington went up to the clerk and,
leaning against the desk, said,
"Did you ever see that man before?"

"Never that I know of," said the clerk.
"Of course a good many men
pass in and out of here every day."

"Well, then," said the man from Or-
twin, "let me give you a pointer about him.
Years ago, when I was a boy in
Detroit, I worked in a big clothing
store, and that man—the real name is
Bouderby, though his first name is Jones—
and he also answers to Jones
and Brown—that man Bouderby was
bookkeeper. He got into trouble about
his accounts and skipped out west.
Did he see my name on the register?"

"No," said the clerk. "He was loaf-
ing in here and came and asked for the
first name he could think of. I sup-
pose, just as an excuse to stand about
and get warm. They do that some-
times—no old trick."

"PULL" IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

It Works There Just as Well as In
Other Countries.

"When I first began banana planting in
Central America," said a resident of that
part of the world who frequently visits
New Orleans, "I was greatly annoyed by
a neighbor who made a business of luring
away my laborers. He was a cantankerous
old native who 'didn't like a gringo
nobody,' and as the jefepolitico, or mag-
istrate, of the nearest town sided with
him and shared his views I was in a fair
way of being broken up in business.

About that time I had occasion to make
a trip to the capital, and while there I
ran across a young officer whom I had
met the year before during Mardi Gras
in New Orleans. He was a first-rate fellow,
and I had done my best on that occasion
to make him enjoy his stay, but the incident
had passed almost entirely
out of my mind. He remembered it,
however, and greeted me like a long lost
brother, remarking incidentally that he
was now first secretary to his excellency,
the minister of war. In the course of our
talk I told him of my troubles on the
plantation, and he asked me a few casual
questions about the local magistrate.

"Next week I returned, and when I rode
into town on the way to my place I was
amazed to see the jefepolitico come tearing
out of his house, harnessed, and salute
me like a prince of the blood. He
begged me to dismount and honor his
poor abode with my presence, that we
might discuss the outrages that had been
heaped upon me by my villainous neighbor.
I was dazed by such a change in his
usually insulting demeanor and told him
not to worry about the matter, that I
would have a talk with the planter next
day, and he doubt we could come to an
understanding. 'Impossible, senor,' ex-
claimed the jefo. 'The wretch is now in
prison, incarcerated!'

"Then I began to understand. It seemed
that my Mardi Gras chum, the at-
tache, had sent a red-hot letter by special
courier, and the old jefo, scared half out
of his wits, had immediately arrested his
friend and thrown him into a dungeon. I
laughed so that I nearly fell off my horse
and ordered him to release the prisoner
at once. After that I was treated with
the most distinguished consideration by
everyone in the department, and I read
by a cable in Central America to the
effect that I was the first white man to
enter the country since the water in
New Orleans was 'pull'ed."

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TEACHERS' TROUBLES.

How Teachers May Prevent the
Breakdown of the Nervous System
which often Threatens.

The worry and work, the strain and
anxiety of a teacher's life are such as to tell
severely on the nervous system. Time and
again teachers have had to give up good
positions on account of run down health



and shattered nerves. To such we confidently recommend Millburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and in doing so we are supported by the testimony of Mrs. Reilly, Colborne Street, Chatham, Ont., who made the following statement:—"Millburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are, beyond question the best remedy for nervousness and all exhausted conditions of the system I know of. My daughter, as a result of over study and close application to her duties as school teacher, became much run down and debilitated, and was very nervous. Two months ago she began taking Millburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. They acted quickly and effectually in her case, making her strong and building up her entire system."

Millburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cure Palpitation, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Anaemia, Female Troubles, After Effects of Grippe, Debility, or any condition arising from Disordered Nerves, Weak Heart and Watery Blood. Price 50c. a box.

THE PARIS SHOW.

The Paris exposition catalogue will contain 100,000 names.

The parks of Milwaukee will be part of the exhibit of that city at the Paris exposition. A series of photographic views of the public parks of that city will be shown.

It took a bid of 275,000 francs to secure the privilege of letting out seats for the Paris exposition of 1900. For the 1889 exhibition the successful bid for the monopoly was 200,000 francs.

Governor Mount of Indiana is personally supervising an elaborate exhibit for his state at the Paris exposition. One of the features of this will be a series of large photographs to show the progress of the "good roads" movement in Indiana, where there are now 50,000 miles of graded and graveled highway.

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"No," said the clerk. "I was loafing in here and came in and asked for the first name he could think of. I suppose, just as an excuse to stand about and get warm. I never do that sometimes—an old trick."

"Yes, but it's funny he should have thought of my name, isn't it, when he had evidently forgotten all about me. Though I was a Canadian even. I don't even live in Canada, you know; only go there now and again on business. And how do you account for his happening to connect my name with Ottawa? He only knew me slightly before he stole that money and skipped. But the funniest thing about it all is that now I can tell his old mother, whom I happen to know slightly in Detroit, that her son is alive and well. That's what I'm going to do when I get back."

"And yet," the clerk remarked when he told me the story, "some people say there is no Providence"—Philadelphia Item.

A Fruitful Fate.

"As we put to sea," says Captain Younghusband in his book on Japan, "we passed a sunken steamer, the Anglia, and afterward heard the ghostly story of her loss. She touched a sand bank, heeled over and capsized in a few seconds, but the water was not deep, and one side of her remained above. The majority of the passengers and crew got off in boats or on floating spars, but a few were caught below in her cabins."

"We have often read of martyrs of old, who were tied to posts in the sea and left to drown by waves with the rising tide. Imagine, then, the fate of these poor fellows." The portholes were just large enough for a man to put his head through, but no more. The ship was of iron, and to enlarge the holes in the time available was an impossibility, though an attempt was made with cold chisels. The boats from another ship came alongside and handed food and drink to the doomed men and gave them such encouragement as was possible.

"But the tide rose inch by inch, and at last the time arrived when it seemed better for all that the boats should leave, for to remain was but to prolong the agony on both sides. Some of the imprisoned cursed and foamed at the mouth with anguish. Some prayed. Some, in the cold sweat of despair, heeded the boats' crews to shoot them ere they left. Sadly and silently the boats slipped away. The tide rose, and the first shrieks of the dying men sank into the sigh of the rising waves."

He Was His Own Doctor.

A Foxcroft man who was suffering from a toothache while seven miles from a dentist, attempted to the aching molar himself by tying a fishline around it, fastening the other end of the line to a hook in the post of the piazza and sitting down quickly.

This reminds a Bath man of a neighbor of his who always extracted his own teeth. If an upper one, he tied a string around it, with a heavy weight at the other end of the line, counted to the hawmow and dropped the stone. If a lower tooth was the one aching, he stood on the floor and threw the weight up over a door.—Lewis's (Me.) Journal.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Lansing, Mich., has a driveway 83 feet in width.

Philadelphia is to have a labor temple to cost not less than \$100,000.

Indianapolis has 3,500 dogs licensed and 1,500 unlicensed and still has no public place where one of them can get a drink of water.

New York has a school in connection with the fire department where firemen are taught to scale buildings, catch burglars and handle furniture.

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Cottle—But you don't go at him in the right way perhaps.

Burton—I praised his baby, and he didn't say a word in response.—Boston Transcript.

Why the Barber Forgot.

Barber—That's strange. You say you have been here before. I don't seem to remember your face.

Victim—Probably not. You see, it has all healed up now.—Melbourne Times.

Making Things Worse.

When a man gets nervous prostration, all his friends remind him how they warned him years ago.—Chicago Record.

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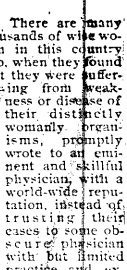
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The members of the painting class

the evening. A big bonfire was made on the lake and a torchlight procession was formed. The crowd marched to the music of the Yeoman band, which was certainly awe inspiring. The people were very enthusiastic and they have reason to be, as our Canadian boys have certainly done their share in bringing about the result.

Mr. Dean, of the Hamilton Powder Co., is moving into the office on Main street lately occupied by Mr. Currie.

Lieut. Chas. J. Armstrong, who was wounded in the charge on Cronje's army, is a cousin of Mr. J. M. Parsons, our postmaster. He was a member of the Montreal company.

You are Talked About

Mrs. Hensley, wife of Captain J. H. Hensley, is seriously ill.

Mrs. W. L. Perrin returned from her visit in Winnipeg Saturday.

Mrs. D. G. Mathias returned from a visit to her parents in Winnipeg Monday night.

His Honor Judge Chapple was appointed, D. G. M. W. of the Superior District at the recent grand lodge meeting of the A.O.U.W. of Ontario.

Dr. Macdonnell was called east Friday evening by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his brother near Glengarry.

Geo. A. Graham spent a few days in town this week.

Mayor McCarthy received his medal for services rendered his country, but unfortunately it bore the wrong date—1870—instead of 1876.

Harold Madun was probably not in the charge of the Canadians on Cronje's forces, as he being with a Maxim gun, therefore would be somewhat in the rear.

Mr. Geo. J. Ross returned this week from his eastern trip.

Miss Conroy Sharpe entertained a number of her little friends at a birthday party last Saturday. The children enjoyed themselves very much.

Mrs. Bertrand, of Winnipeg, is visiting her uncle Mr. Jas. Waite.

Mr. A. McKenzie returned Wednesday from his sojourn in Winnipeg.

Mr. Malville, of the Regina mine, is in town this week.

Wilkie Brown, who represents the Cleveland Atlantic Oil Co., was in town this week.

Geo. A. Graham has returned from Fort William.

Captain E. W. Brydges has returned from his eastern trip.

Mr. Bob Davis left this morning to take charge of the tailoring department of Ferguson & Co., at Brandon. Before he left Mr. Davis was presented by a number of his friends with a

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M. Kyle, president of the Gold Panter Mining Co., has had his office partitioned off and fitted up conveniently.

J. H. Anderson, manager of the Anderson Produce Co., was in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. K. Brydon was at home to over 100 ladies on Friday last. Mrs. Brydon, who makes a charming hostess, was assisted by two of our popular young ladies.

J. A. Nunn, of Nelson, B.C., was in town Wednesday and Thursday on a flying visit to his brother Jack, manager of the A. McDonald Wholesale Grocery Co., at Rat Portage.

Sons of England.

The Sons of England gave their annual entertainment Monday to a large audience. The program was well received, and refreshments much enjoyed. Dancing was indulged in also till the quiet hours, and everybody felt thoroughly entertained.

Pinder-Davis.

Miss Eunice Pinder and Mr. Frank Davis were united in holy matrimony Monday evening in St. Alban's church, by Rev. Mr. Pickett. Miss Lillian Knipe was bridesmaid and Mr. Pinder was groomsmen. After the ceremony the party proceeded to the opera-house where they were served with a wedding supper.

Parlor Concert.

Those who were so fortunate as to take charge of the tailoring department of Ferguson & Co., at Brandon. Before he left Mr. Davis was presented by a number of his friends with a

participants were much appreciated, after the programme Mrs. Phillips served a delicious luncheon to the gathering.

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Moody's Remarkable Life.

We have received a book of much importance at the present time from the Poole Publishing Co., Toronto, "The Life of D. L. Moody." The book is attractive, and is well printed on good white paper. Its circulation will probably be very large, as Mr. Moody had a powerful influence in Canada, was known here quite as well as across the line. The book is published at 25¢ in heavy paper cover, or 50¢ bound in cloth, is for sale at all news stores, or will be sent postpaid by the publishers on receipt of price.

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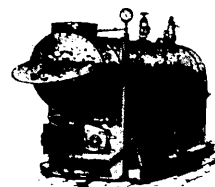
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The secretary of the Royal Jubilee Hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$10. donation from Mr. J. W. Humble.

The members of the painting class met Monday and organized themselves into an art club. Mrs. Langford was made president, Miss Hockley secretary and Mrs. Scovil treasurer.

Three wagons loaded with machinery left yesterday for the Gold Panner mine.

The Bijou Opera Company will open a return engagement at the opera house in "The Kerry Gow," on March 12th.

A ladies' court of the A. O. F. is to be established here shortly.

R. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Jubilee hospital, makes the following statement for the week ending Feb. 24: Under treatment Feb. 19, 11; admitted during week, 3; discharged, 3; deaths, 1.

An At Home under the auspices of the Canadian Order of Foresters will be held in the Walsh & McVeigh Hall Matheson St., Thursday evening next, Feb. 8. All Foresters and their friends are invited. An interesting program is being prepared.

The regular business meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held in the Oddfellows Hall, on Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Academy beg to return a hearty vote of thanks to all kind friends who by their presence at the little entertainment contributed toward making it a success. Special thanks are tendered to Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. Sigurdson, Mr. Ingram and Mr. Gilbert and son for their kind services.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell entertained a number of young people at their home Thursday night.

Word was received Tuesday of the surrender of Cronje and accordingly the mayor declared Wednesday a public holiday. The people celebrated in

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